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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to extend their heartfelt congratulations to Highland Community College on the occasion of the college's 60th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Highland Community College's main campus is located on 140 acres in Freeport, Illinois and is recognized by the Illinois Community College Board as an accredited institution of higher learning; and

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WHEREAS, In 1961, a local referendum was passed by a three to one margin calling for the establishment of a comprehensive community college in the Freeport area; and

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WHEREAS, In 1962, 229 students began attending evening classes held at the Freeport Senior High School, and in 1964, money was raised to purchase local farmland where the college now stands; and

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WHEREAS, In 1968, voters approved a plan for the current campus; and

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WHEREAS, Highland Community College's main campus in Freeport is an institution of exceptional quality and is an outstanding and affordable resource for those living in

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1 Northwest Illinois; and

2 WHEREAS, Highland Community College offers comprehensive
3 academic programming with over 70 degrees and certificates,
4 which include a wide variety of vocational degrees and
5 certificates and general education courses designed to meet
6 the individual educational goals of every student; and

7 WHEREAS, Highland Community College also offers adult
8 education classes that include GED and ESL classes; and

9 WHEREAS, Highland Community College offers men's and
10 women's athletics through 12 teams that proudly wear the
11 Highland Cougar uniform; and

12 WHEREAS, Highland Community College offers an array of
13 clubs and extracurricular activities for students; and

14 WHEREAS, The school's mission is built around meeting the
15 needs of the greater northwest Illinois community through
16 quality educational and cultural programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Highland Community College is a center of
18 cultural opportunity with theater, arts, music, literature,
19 and lecture series; and

1 WHEREAS, A primary focus of the educational programming at
2 the school is preparing students to transfer to a
3 baccalaureate or professional, degree-granting institution;
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5 WHEREAS, Highland Community College supports regional
6 economic development through partnerships with businesses,
7 industry, chambers of commerce, units of local government, and
8 other educational institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, Highland Community College operates through core
10 values of integrity, compassion, and respect; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
13 Highland Community College on the celebration of the school's
14 60th anniversary; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Highland Community College as an expression of
17 our appreciation and respect.